

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**12/21/2012**

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2112

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2011-2013 Biennium	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium
Counties	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cities	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Districts	\$0	\$0	\$0
Townships	\$0	\$0	\$0

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill increases specific fees for processing various applications submitted to the Public Service Commission by jurisdictional investor owned gas and electric utilities. These fees are held in suspense using a special fund with specific project costing.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Zero fiscal impact to the agency resulting from proposed legislation.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

These fees are not revenue to the state nor are they included in the executive budget. These fees are collected and deposited into a special fund held for the single purpose of processing the filed application. Costs incurred are allocated to the fee and any remaining balance after processing the application must be returned to the company. Estimating the amount of fees collected during a fiscal period is not practical because jurisdictional investor owned utilities have sole discretion over if and when applications are filed.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

Expenses incurred to process the case are allocated to the fee, which are held in a suspense account, based on the continuing appropriation provided in subsection 6 of section 49-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Subsection 6 of section 49-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code provides continuing appropriation to utilize the funds upon receipt.

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